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SUNNY AND WARM

For the week ending April 4, 2010, sunny skies and warm temperatures provided favorable field conditions, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Georgia Field Office. Daily average high temperatures ranged from the lower 60's to mid 80's. Low temperatures averaged from the low 40's to low 50's. Soil moisture conditions were rated at 0% very short, 17% short, 73% adequate, and 10% surplus. There was no measureable precipitation reported for the state.

Corn planting progressed rapidly and is over halfway complete. Some of the crop is starting to emerge. Over three quarters of the winter wheat has jointed and nearly a quarter are beginning to boot. Virtually all peach trees are blooming. Tobacco is being transplanted. Pastures and cover crops conditions have improved.

Other activities for the week included preparing cotton and peanut fields, mowing, and harrowing. County Extension Agents reported an average of 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/04/10

Crop Stage	This Week	Prev Week	Prev Year	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn Planted	59	26	56	54
Corn Emerged	20	4	37	33
Sorghum Planted	4	0	2	2
Winter Wheat Jointing	79	46	87	83
Winter Wheat Boot	19	6	50	41
Peaches Blooming	98	82	98	89
Tobacco Transplanted	8	0	10	8
Watermelons Planted	51	21	49	41

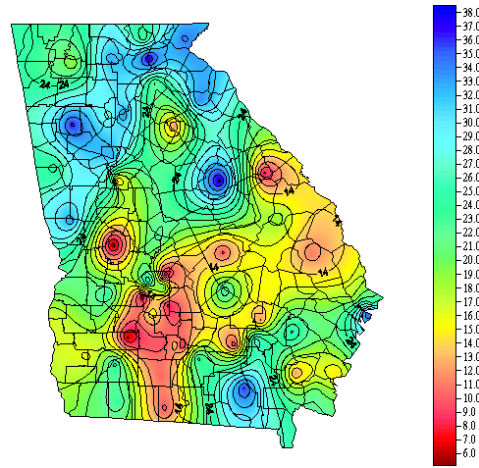
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/04/10

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	3	46	49	2
Winter Wheat	1	15	47	34	3
Range and Pasture	3	14	47	33	3
Hay	4	17	42	36	1
Onions	0	10	83	7	0
Peaches	0	0	8	59	33

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 04/04/10

	This Week	Previous Week	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	8
Short	17	2	21
Adequate	73	71	41
Surplus	10	27	31

*Soil Moisture Map is supplied by the Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network (AEMN) and the office of the State Climatologist, University of Georgia. For detailed Georgia weather data, visit the AEMN homepage at www.georgiaweather.net.



Soil Moisture (%) at 12" Soil Depth

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 04/04/10, by District

District	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	0	0	81	19
District 2 (NC)	0	16	80	4
District 3 (NE)	0	6	83	11
District 4 (WC)	0	11	88	1
District 5 (C)	0	25	58	17
District 6 (EC)	0	21	54	25
District 7 (SW)	0	28	65	7
District 8 (SC)	2	15	74	9
District 9 (SE)	0	21	74	5

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Pasture Condition for Week Ending 04/04/10, by District

District	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	8	22	42	25	3
District 2 (NC)	0	6	25	62	7
District 3 (NE)	0	4	30	64	2
District 4 (WC)	0	8	61	31	0
District 5 (C)	8	22	37	26	7
District 6 (EC)	0	0	63	37	0
District 7 (SW)	5	12	54	28	1
District 8 (SC)	3	25	52	19	1
District 9 (SE)	1	3	72	22	2

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Weather Summary for Week Ending 04/04/10, by Station Location

Location	Temperature			Precipitation					Soil Temp
	Max	Min	Avg	Weekly	Days	30 Day	60 Day	Season	
Alapaha	79	46	62	0.00	0	2.53	5.99	11.48	62
Albany	81	49	65	0.00	0	1.36	5.48	12.02	68
Alma	81	49	65	0.00	0	2.70	5.34	9.97	63
Alpharetta	77	44	60	0.00	0	4.61	10.53	16.04	56
Arabi	79	47	63	0.00	0	1.77	4.98	12.68	60
Arlington	81	47	64	0.00	0	1.72	6.23	13.85	65
Atlanta	76	53	64	0.00	0	2.87	7.19	10.44	NA
Attapulugus	79	47	63	0.00	0	3.12	8.09	13.57	65
Baxley	80	46	63	0.00	0	2.69	5.33	11.34	67
Blairsville	73	40	56	0.00	0	2.98	6.96	9.48	53
Blue Ridge	72	42	57	0.00	0	2.69	8.36	11.22	55
Brunswick	78	53	66	0.44	1	1.72	4.31	9.78	66
Byromville	79	48	63	0.00	0	3.71	7.68	16.78	62
Byron	79	48	63	0.00	0	2.77	6.07	12.57	61
Cairo	79	48	64	0.00	0	2.55	7.12	12.04	61
Calhoun	75	42	58	0.00	0	2.36	6.55	10.60	55
Camilla	81	47	64	0.00	0	2.36	6.84	13.71	65
Cordele	80	48	64	0.00	0	2.79	6.10	15.09	61
Covington	77	46	62	0.01	1	3.37	7.45	12.40	57
Dahlonega	75	45	60	0.00	0	3.09	8.02	13.90	55
Dallas	76	47	61	0.00	0	3.47	8.78	12.19	58
Danielsville	78	45	62	0.05	1	2.27	6.63	10.88	62
Dawson	80	45	62	0.00	0	1.42	5.23	16.38	62
Dearing	81	50	65	0.02	1	2.66	5.85	11.24	61
Dixie	80	47	63	0.00	0	3.00	8.54	14.70	63
Douglas	79	48	63	0.00	0	2.41	5.35	10.90	62
Dublin	81	47	64	0.00	0	3.08	6.14	13.74	63
Dunwoody	76	46	61	0.00	0	4.02	8.89	13.48	55
Eatonton	79	44	62	0.01	1	4.12	8.04	14.07	60
Elberton	80	46	63	0.10	1	2.56	7.05	13.48	62
Ellijay	73	41	57	0.00	0	3.51	7.81	13.06	56
Gainesville	76	46	61	0.00	0	3.70	8.58	14.89	59
Georgetown	79	46	62	0.00	0	2.05	6.52	15.19	65
Griffin	76	49	63	0.00	0	4.61	9.16	13.89	58
Hatley	79	51	65	0.00	0	1.71	5.12	11.80	61
Homerville	80	47	63	0.06	1	2.88	6.51	12.13	66
Jeffersonville	79	47	63	0.01	1	3.23	6.96	10.68	62
Johns Creek	77	45	61	0.00	0	3.95	9.02	14.26	56
Lake Seminole	77	52	64	0.00	0	3.30	8.33	9.18	63
Midville	82	49	65	0.02	1	2.36	5.13	12.13	65
Moultrie	78	50	64	0.00	0	3.94	7.97	12.70	66
Nahunta	82	48	65	0.10	1	2.08	5.47	11.20	65
Newton	80	47	64	0.00	0	2.27	6.58	14.47	64
Odum	80	47	63	0.11	1	2.84	6.08	12.84	66
Ossabaw	78	53	65	0.42	1	2.25	6.45	11.66	61
Pine Mountain	78	45	61	0.00	0	4.51	9.14	14.44	59
Plains	78	48	63	0.00	0	2.76	6.80	14.92	61
Roopville	78	43	61	0.00	0	4.26	8.78	13.46	59
Rome	78	45	61	0.00	0	3.55	8.26	13.35	57
Sasser	78	46	62	0.00	0	1.50	5.13	12.49	60
Savannah	82	50	66	0.53	1	3.21	5.86	12.81	65
Shellman	80	47	63	0.00	0	1.51	4.96	14.17	69
Skidaway	76	52	64	0.45	1	3.07	5.59	12.42	61
Sparta	80	46	63	0.03	1	4.26	7.57	13.65	62
Statesboro	81	51	66	0.01	1	2.30	5.24	12.54	67
Tennille	80	48	64	0.00	0	2.83	6.00	12.62	61
Tifton	78	50	64	0.00	0	2.23	6.07	12.56	61
Tiger	75	39	57	0.00	0	3.72	10.18	17.96	55
Unadilla	79	48	63	0.00	0	2.87	5.72	13.30	62
Valdosta	80	51	65	0.01	1	2.77	8.01	14.89	64
Vienna	79	49	64	0.00	0	2.87	6.40	15.00	61
Vidalia	81	50	66	0.06	1	2.93	5.84	12.90	63
Wat-UGA	77	49	63	0.05	1	2.39	7.11	12.93	60
Williamson	77	46	61	0.00	0	5.66	10.32	14.48	59
Woodbine	81	49	65	0.43	1	2.09	5.14	10.79	66

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DISTRICT COMMENTS

April 4, 2010

DISTRICT 1 - NORTHWEST

Sunny and dry week.

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH CENTRAL

Sunny, warm conditions led to improved crop conditions this week.

DISTRICT 3 - NORTHEAST

Spring finally arrives in Habersham.

DISTRICT 4 - WEST CENTRAL

Producers are starting to burn down cotton and peanut land. It is getting dry in some areas.

Soil temps are hitting 60 and it looks like spring.

Soil temps are beginning to hit 60.

DISTRICT 5 - CENTRAL

We only received .97 of an inch of rainfall which is very important as we have been well behind in our planting plans.

Field work going full speed. Corn planting. Repairing fields due to erosion. Topsoil drying out fast. Small grains progressing nicely.

DISTRICT 6 - EAST CENTRAL

Wheat planted during optimum time of mid-November is very close to flag leaf emergence. Most all the crop is jointing, but is still 2-3 weeks behind schedule. Warm weather should speed up growth.

Corn was planted in damp soil, but sun and wind has created a lot of topsoil crust so some will have to be watered up to a stand.

We are drying out rapidly and many growers have ceased planting until they can irrigate dry fields.

Lack of an Easter cold spell will have our few acres of produce being planted early.

DISTRICT 7 - SOUTHWEST

No comments available.

DISTRICT 8 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Corn planting wrapping up. Preparing soil for cotton and some peanuts. Soil testing late and applying lime and fertilizer. Harrowing fields. Feeding livestock hay. Mowing and harrowing fields trying to clean up and fix erosion are as due to excessive rainfall.

This has been the first week of clear weather that continued field work has occurred. This field action will get many farm start planting and transplanting crops for 2010.

DISTRICT 9 - SOUTHEAST

No comments available.